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FBI agent charged with selling documents to Soviets

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The FBI Wednesday arrested one of its own agents, Richard W. Miller, a counterspy in Los Angeles, that he had become personally involved with a female Soviet KGB major to whom he sold secret FBI documents.

Mr. Miller is the first FBI agent ever to be charged with espionage on behalf of a foreign government. He is a 20-year veteran of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who was assigned to foreign counterintelligence work in the Los Angeles bureau. Also arrested were Nikolay and Swetlana Ogorodnikov of Los Angeles, who the FBI said emigrated to the United States in 1973.

Miller and the Ogorodnikovs were charged with conspiracy to provide national defense information to a foreign government. If convicted, they could receive a maximum penalty of life in prison.

The arrests came one day after a 67-year-old East German, Alice Michelson, was charged with spying for the Soviet Union. Also on Tuesday, the FBI said it arrested Samuel Loring Morison, an analyst with the US Naval Intelligence Support Center in Maryland, on charges of selling US satellite photographs of a Soviet aircraft carrier to a British publication, Jane's Defense Weekly.